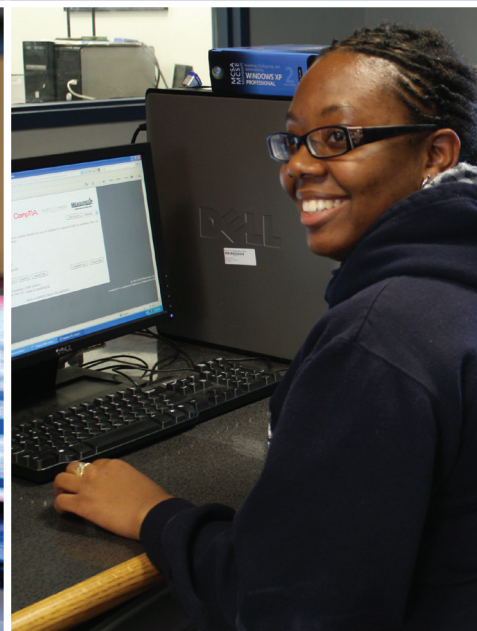CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Computer Networking/Cisco

Do You Like ...

... analyzing data?

... organization and detail?

... using basic math skills?

... solving problems?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Computer Networking/Cisco** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a computer networking specialist, including:

» Analyzing, testing, and evaluating computer networking systems, which include local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks (WANs).

» Performing maintenance so that networks operate correctly and with few interruptions.

» Analyzing networks' data to determine network usage, how much disk space is available, and how the server is functioning.

» Setting up the guidelines for installing or testing LANs or WANs.

» Configuring server and network security settings.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Integrity and dependability

» Organization

» Attention to detail

» Focus

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a computer networking specialist, including having:

» Strong math and reading skills

» A high school diploma or the equivalent

» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete an Information Technology training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), the national standard in computer science training and credentialing. Credentials such as these show that students are ready for positions in computer programming and repair.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Computer Networking/Cisco graduates go to work for mid-size to large companies** that have extensive computer networks. Computer networking specialists typically work normal full-time business hours, but may have to be on call on nights and weekends if emergencies or network interruptions occur. Although many companies use in-house information technology (IT) specialists, some hire IT contractors to administer their networks.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most computer networking specialists is **$48,000/year**.

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